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Shoppers walk down Spring Garden Road past a colourful holiday display in the Dugger's window on Thursday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

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... it's that no one should live in a closet.' J.K. Rowling praises Halifax-made Youth Project poster **PAGE 4**

# 'Most important time' for local shops

## The holidays.

Entrepreneurs hope buyers spend locally on the last shopping weekend before Christmas



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It's the weekend before Christmas, and Halifax retailers are hoping shoppers drop in to spend some holiday cash on unique gifts — maybe picking up a story or piece of Westeros.

For the past few months, Gillian Wesley of The Local Traveller blog has been compiling dozens of gift ideas on The Local Wishlist to help shoppers locate funky finds for all price ranges — and keep their dollars in the local economy.

"We've heard a lot of talk this year about making Halifax ... more of an entrepreneurial place, but it's important to support the entrepreneurs that we have right now," Wesley said.

There's a misconception that gifts from local stores or homemade products are quite expensive, Wesley said, but her list showcases gifts from \$16 to \$50.

## Quoted

"There's always a nice story behind the gift."

The Local Traveller blogger Gillian Wesley

For Game of Thrones fans, Wesley said, putting An Oddity or Two magnets of Westeros characters, Bad Mouth Soap's Valyrian Steel, and Foxy Frog Scents' Mother of Dragons candle together could net around \$35.

"You can actually talk to the person who made it and why they decided to do that," Wesley said. "I think that ...

connects us more as a community."

For Charlotte Jewer, owner of Kept on Portland Street in Dartmouth, this has been a "super busy" time as more businesses pop up in the downtown area and create a draw for shoppers.

"It's the most important time of year, for sure," Jewer said from the gift store featuring handmade art, jewelry and items like driftwood Christmas trees, reindeer mugs or throw pillows featuring the harbour ferry.

A low Canadian dollar might also keep shoppers spending here instead of

ordering online from American stores or driving across the border and losing out in the transaction, said Jim Cormier, director of the Atlantic branch of the Retail Council of Canada.

This brings an advantage for small retailers with products created in the province, because they don't have to shell out in international shipping costs, he said.

But overall, Cormier said, shopping at local stores like Dugger's or big-box stores also supports local employees.

"It's always important to support the retailers in your community," he said.



## Major spoiler for Sony in cyberattack

The Interview, about the assassination of North Korea's leader, had a \$40M budget — but the cost of pulling it from theatres may be much more **PAGE 19**

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## Police seek suspect in October bus attack

Halifax Regional Police are asking the public to help identify a suspect in an attack that took place on a Halifax Transit bus in late October.

According to a release, officers responded to an assault in progress on the Route 2 Wedgewood bus traveling to the Lacewood Terminal around 7:30 p.m. Oct. 29.

The driver noticed a commotion at the rear of the bus and pulled over at the corner of Bayers Road and Desmond Avenue to call police.

A 50-year-old man told responding officers he boarded the bus near the Halifax Shopping Centre and asked a man sitting behind him to turn down the music coming from his earphones.

The man apparently became angry and hit the victim several times in the face.

When the bus driver pulled over, the suspect got off the bus and was last seen running on Desmond Avenue.

The suspect is described only as a white man in his 20s with a thin build. He was wearing dark jeans, a black and yellow sweat-shirt, a black and white ball cap, and black sneakers with white soles.

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Police are seeking this person.

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Residents of a Claxton Close apartment building get the all-clear to return to their homes after a morning fire sent a woman to hospital with serious injuries on Thursday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

# Woman in hospital after Clayton Park fire

**Serious burns.** 'Careless use of smoking materials' blamed for blaze that forced evacuation of apartment building

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An apartment building was evacuated and a woman suffered serious burns during a fire in Clayton Park on Thursday morning.

The fire was contained to one apartment on the second

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floor of the four-storey building.

Neither smoke nor fire was visible from outside, but dozens of people were sent outside as part of the evacuation.

"I saw a lot of smoke on the second floor," said Ali Al-Hindal, who lives at the Fairland Manor Apartments on

Claxton Close. He added that he didn't see any flames.

Natassja Kowalski, another resident, said the fire alarm went off at 9 a.m. Residents were allowed back in about 90 minutes later.

The victim, a 40-year-old woman who lives in the apartment where the fire started, was taken by ambulance to the QE2 hospital.

"She was taken out of the apartment and suffered serious burns," said Dave Slaunwhite, division commander for Halifax Fire.

The cause of the fire was described by Roy Hollett, deputy fire chief, as "careless use of smoking materials."

The fire service clarified on Twitter that it was referring specifically to cigarette smoking.

The fire started in the living room and caused "considerable damage" to that area, though Hollett said it wasn't a complete loss.

"There was smoke, fire and water damage," he said.

The apartment below the fire also sustained water damage as a result of the sprinkler system and fire hoses being used.

"That's not uncommon to see," Hollett said, "but it's not a bad thing because it means the fire is being put out."

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# Harry Potter writer singles out locally made poster for praise

**LGBTQ.** J. K. Rowling links to Youth Project poster during Twitter Q&A session

A Harry Potter-themed poster created by a Halifax youth group is getting major buzz after receiving the stamp of approval from J.K. Rowling, the creator of the Potter universe.

During a Tuesday Q&A session on Twitter with her nearly four million followers, Rowling was asked if Hogwarts had any LGBTQ students.

In reply, Rowling wrote, "But of course" and attached a picture of the poster, which reads, "If Harry Potter taught us anything, it's that no one should live in a closet."

The poster was created by members of the Youth Project, a Halifax organization

## Quoted

**"We're getting messages from everyone with lots of exclamation points."**

Sheena Jamieson, Youth Project staff member, on the reaction to J.K. Rowling supporting their poster

that tackles issues of gender identity and sexual orientation among young people.

The Harry Potter poster was one of four that Youth Project members designed for display at the Hal-Con festival in early November. Needless to say, it was a surprise when, weeks later, news came that Rowling had somehow been made aware of the poster.

"We're all kind of freaking out," said Sheena Jamieson, a staff member at the Youth Project.

"We're a tiny organization in Halifax, Nova Scotia. How

would J.K. Rowling ever become aware of something we did?"

Aware she is, and news of her endorsement of the poster came flooding into the Youth Project offices on Thursday morning.

"The people from Hal-Con emailed us this morning asking if we had seen J.K. Rowling's tweet," Jamieson said. "I looked at it and was like, 'Yup, that's our poster.'"

As of Thursday afternoon, Rowling's tweet had been retweeted over 13,000 times and favoured more than 16,000 times as it spread through social media channels.

The poster was the brainchild of several Youth Project members, who came up with the idea at least in part because Potter costumes were very popular at Hal-Con.

"We just loved that tagline," Jamieson said.

So, evidently, did Rowling.

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Dori Palmiere, left, and Sheena Jamieson of the Youth Project hold some of the Harry Potter posters that have been made famous by a J.K. Rowling retweet. JEFF HARPER/METRO

# HRM seeking diversity and inclusion manager



A diversity and inclusion manager is coming to city hall. METRO FILE

Halifax Regional Municipality is looking for its first-ever diversity and inclusion manager.

The job will be filled sometime in the new year and comes as a result of "increased interest" from city council in diversity and inclusion.

"The municipality is already active in those areas in a number of ways, but we felt more co-ordination and support was needed," said Maggie MacDonald, acting director of

the government relations and external affairs department.

In a job posting describing the role, emphasis is placed on "the creation of a diversity and inclusion framework that outlines goals, activities, roles and responsibilities and articulates an implementation plan and performance measures for Halifax Regional Municipality."

The successful candidate will have to float among vari-

ous departments to ensure that standards are being met.

"We will be able to direct our efforts in the best way possible," MacDonald said.

While it might make sense to hire a diversity and inclusion manager from a minority group, MacDonald said the search will cast a wide net.

"We aren't looking to exclude people," she said. "But we are looking for someone with the skill set and experi-

ence to understand the issues."

The creation of the job wasn't linked to any particular incident or moment, but, according to MacDonald, is the logical next step for a modern workplace.

"Council has a particular interest in diversity and inclusion and creating an inviting environment," she said. "This is a natural step for us. I would describe it as an evolution."

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# Province to track drivers' gas purchases

**At the pump.** Liberals now 'reconsidering' their opposition to gas price regulation

Nova Scotia's government is reconsidering its opposition to gasoline price regulation, Premier Stephen McNeil said Thursday as the province an-

nounced plans to track what's going into gas tanks.

The Liberals have opposed regulation since the system was introduced in 2006 by the Progressive Conservatives as a way of stabilizing price fluctuations and to help save struggling rural retailers.

But McNeil said the market has changed since then, and the government doesn't want to undermine a busi-

ness model that has already dealt with some of the issues in rural communities. "We're not going to go out and attempt to solve a problem that consumers are telling us they don't have anymore," he said.

To help determine how regulation is working, the government is introducing a new \$1.25-million electronic system that will track gas purchases and collect infor-

mation on fuel types and volumes that are sold.

It is being brought in after the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board suggested better data collection was needed in order for the pricing system to work more effectively.

The government says the system will be funded through existing industry fees and will not affect gas prices.

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A man pumps gas into his car in this file photo. JEFF HARPER/METRO

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## Status of Women

### New chair named for N.S. council

A social worker and educator who is an Order of Canada recipient has been named chair of the Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women.

Joanne Bernard, minister responsible for the status of women, announced Dr. Wanda Thomas Bernard's appointment Thursday.

Dr. Thomas Bernard has served as director of the Dalhousie School of Social Work and was a founding member of the Association of Black Social Workers. "Women's rights are human rights and human rights are everyone's concern," states Thomas Bernard. **METRO**

## Truro Community Centre

### Ex-Sportsplex GM could take over

A former Truro resident and past general manager of the Dartmouth Sportsplex is being considered as one possibility to take over the reins of the Rath Eastlink Community Centre (RECC), at least on interim basis.

"He would be a person of interest," said Colchester County Mayor and RECC board member Bob Taylor. "We will be talking to him."

An interim general manager is being sought for the RECC following this week's resignation of Jim Lambert, the facility's inaugural general manager.

TRURO DAILY NEWS

## Agricultural College. Spill prompts evacuation

A few people had to be removed from the building, but there were no injuries related to a chemical spill at Dalhousie's Agricultural College in Bible Hill Thursday.

RCMP and Bible Hill Fire responded to a report of a small explosion shortly after 1:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Cox Institute of Agricultural Technology building.

Alarm bells rang out around the building, with a small number of evacuees waiting outside on the lawn and around Langille Athletic Centre.

At 2 p.m., firefighters entered the building wearing face masks. Just before 3 p.m., a hazardous materials squad entered to clean up.

Fire Chief Dwayne Melish said the problem started when a container of creosote broke open and spilled in an empty room. Creosote, a wood preserver, is commonly used on railroad ties and power poles.



Hazardous materials crew gears up to enter building and clean up what firefighters said was a creosote spill. RYAN COOKE/TRURO DAILY NEWS

There's some confusion about the call being initially reported as an explosion. Creosote is not explosive, but it is highly flammable.

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## Collision. Halifax woman hit in Sydney crosswalk

A woman was hit by a pickup truck crossing the intersection at George and Dorchester streets in Sydney on Thursday afternoon.

The woman, who was on business from Halifax, suffered minor injuries. She complained of slight pain in her left arm.

Lying in the middle of the crosswalk, she was speaking calmly to passersby who quickly came to her aid. One man held her neck while they waited for an ambulance.

The woman was treated at the scene, and did not require medical attention at hospital.

This was the third car-pedestrian accident in Cape Breton Regional Municipality since Wednesday.

A 67-year-old woman was airlifted to hospital in Halifax with life-threatening injuries after being hit by a car in New Waterford at ap-



Paramedics treat a woman who was hit in a crosswalk in Sydney, Thursday. CAPE BRETON POST

proximately 11:30 a.m. Wednesday.

An 11-year-old boy sustained minor injuries when he was hit by a vehicle at the intersection of Victoria Road and Church Street at 4:50 p.m. Wednesday.

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### Apparent predators

## RCMP looking for suspicious van, men, after boy chased in Tantallon

Halifax RCMP are asking the public to help find a suspicious van after a young boy was chased through an Upper Tantallon neighbourhood.

According to a release, two boys got off their bus on Parklyn Court around

2:45 p.m. Dec. 17, and one of the boys was approached by a white cube van with tinted windows.

A passenger got out of the van and chased the 12-year-old boy to his home. The boy wasn't hurt.

A limited description of the driver is available. The passenger who got out of the van is described as white, about five-foot-10 with a "bulky" build, black hair, and wearing blue jeans and a black jacket.

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# Economic immigration approach could 'backfire'

**Atlantic Immigration Research Fund.** New report asks for more provincial powers to help retain immigrants



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Dr. Nisha Waqas never feels like she's "away from home," thanks to friends and family in Halifax, but is hoping new recommendations from the Atlantic Immigration Research Fund could help her practise here.

The first symposium of the Atlantic Immigration Research Fund was held in May, and a report on its recommendations was released Thursday at the Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia in Halifax.

Main points included the need for Nova Scotia to have more immigration powers because the Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) emphasis on economic immigration doesn't work here, better support for international students, and encouraging social immigrants.

"Challenges (are) like the licensing exams, because they are way expensive," Waqas said after speaking during the event.

Waqas graduated from medical school in 2009 and came to Nova Scotia from Pakistan in



Dr. Nisha Waqas speaks at the Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia on Thursday, about her experiences in Nova Scotia. JEFF HARPER/METRO

### Immigration

## "The goals that CIC has set for economic growth may well backfire in Atlantic Canada."

Donna Safatli, on the CIC's emphasis on economic immigration

2012, but while she passed Canadian exams (which cost \$2,000 apiece) she hasn't been able to land a residency position.

Last year, 2,400 people applied for them and 449 were accepted — 12 per cent of which were international grads, some of those Canadians who studied abroad, Waqas said.

But Nova Scotia's strength

is the warmth of its people, Waqas said.

"They accept me and never let me feel that I am away from my home," she said.

Donna Safatli, doctoral student from the University of New Brunswick, compiled the report and said CIC's focus on bringing in skilled workers to boost the economy doesn't

help the Maritimes, because the workers leave for higher-paying jobs in other provinces.

Safatli said the new Express Entry stream where employers compete for a pool of ranked, highly skilled workers with a post-secondary degree leaves the Maritimes at more of a "disadvantage."

"We have ... all but closed the door to people who really want to come here," Safatli said. "(Those in) a family reunification program, refugees, displaced persons ... would want to start a new life in this region."

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# Sharpen up those skates, Halifax! Emera Oval opens for another year

**Winter fun.** Free skating returns to the heart of downtown

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The Emera Oval is open for another season, offering Haligonians the chance to enjoy a favourite winter activity for free.

Within two hours of its opening at 10 a.m. Thursday, skaters were already gliding around the Oval's 400-metre track, some quicker than others, but everyone making it at their own pace.

"It's so wonderful to be able to skate outside," said Carol McCauley, who had just finished her first skate of the season with her husband, Wally Seipp.

"We don't even go to the rink any more because we can just come here instead."

Though there were only a few skaters around on Thursday morning, Oval manager Jenn Nagle expects tens of thousands of people to visit between now and March 20, the scheduled end date for the season.

"I think it's popular because people enjoy the sense of community skating outside can bring," Nagle said.

To be sure, not everyone that takes advantage of the free skates is an expert — Nagle said many international students from local universities lace them up for the first time at the Oval — but there are railings to lean on if a fall is imminent.

The ice was in great shape on Thursday, sparkling as the sun broke

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through the clouds above. According to Nagle, the maintenance crew had been working until 2 or 3 a.m. to get the surface ready for the thousands of skate blades that will soon be digging into it.

"Rain and snow is our worst nightmare," she said. "Otherwise, we can maintain the ice without major problems up to 10 degrees."

As McCauley and Seipp packed up their skates, they knew they wouldn't be gone for long.

"We try to get here at least twice a week," she said. "Why wouldn't we?"



Skaters enjoy a turn around the Emera Oval on Thursday during the first day of the 2014-15 season at the Halifax Common. JEFF HARPER/METRO

## Unruly passenger charged

A 30-year-old South African woman is facing several charges in connection with the diversion of an international flight to Halifax on Wednesday.

The flight, Air Canada Flight 869, was diverted to Halifax Stanfield International Airport after reports of an unruly passenger allegedly assaulting flight attendants.

The plane was travelling from London, England to Toronto and carrying 239 passengers at the time.

No one was hurt.

Nomantangwa Angel Babhekile Johansson, of Sandhurst, Sandton, South Africa has been charged with three counts of assault on an aircraft, one count of assault with a weapon, one count of causing a disturbance under the Criminal Code and one count of endangering an aircraft under the Aeronautics Act. Johansson appeared in Dartmouth Provincial Court Thursday.

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Halifax Stanfield International Airport THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

**No ferry on merry day**

### Holiday transit changes

Transit schedules will be switched up a few times over the holidays.

A release from the city states that regular bus and ferry service will be in effect on Dec. 24, but buses will be on a holiday schedule on Dec. 25, 26 and Jan. 1.

There will be no ferry service on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, and a holiday service on Dec. 26. Buses and ferries will be free after 6 p.m. on Dec. 31. Further details can be found on Halifax Transit's website. METRO

**Knay on X-mas collection**

### No garbage day on Christmas day

HRM is reminding residents that garbage, green bins and recyclables will not be collected on Christmas Day.

Solid waste collection that would normally happen that day will take place on Saturday, Dec. 27. Collection services that would normally occur on Jan. 1 will also be moved to Saturday, Jan. 3.

Garbage, green bins and recyclables will be picked up as usual on Dec. 24, 26, 31, and Jan. 2. METRO

**Shortest day**

### Solstice at the Gardens

Halifax residents can enjoy the winter solstice at the Public Gardens this weekend.

It's the first time the gardens will be opened in honour of the shortest day of the year. A release from HRM invites visitors to drop by the gardens between 5 and 9 p.m. Sunday to enjoy the "subtle holiday lighting and natural decorations."

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# Going home for Christmas means the world to N.S. girl

## 'Family is everything.'

After two liver transplants, 9-year-old, parents will head home to Weymouth, N.S. for the holidays

Asked what aspect of Christmas she's most excited about, Kaleigh Wright-Barton doesn't hesitate.

"Family," she told Torstar News Service from a playroom at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto on Tuesday, her blue eyes sparkling behind hot pink glasses. "Lobster" was a close second.

The nine-year-old will have plenty of both as she makes her way home to Weymouth, N.S., for the holidays — the first time in years that she's been well enough to do so.

Kaleigh has spent much of her life, including her first two Christmases, in hospital, due to complications from a birth defect that has required two liver transplants. To give their daughter access to the pediatric care she needs, her parents, Echo Wright, 27, and Jewell Barton, 30, relocated to Toronto soon after Ka-

## Quoted

"We came so close to losing her on numerous occasions. ... What's important are the ones you love, and making as many memories as you can with them before it's too late."

Echo Wright, Kaleigh's mother

leigh was born, a decision they said was both easy and isolating.

"Minutes old, she went right into surgery," said Echo, a petite blonde woman with a gentle demeanour.

Kaleigh has gastroschisis, a condition that caused her abdominal walls to form incorrectly in the womb.

In July 2005, four months after her birthday, Echo and Jewell — then just 17 and 20 years old — were advised to transfer her from the hospital in Halifax to SickKids for testing.

The only way to feed her was through an IV connected to her arm, a process that led baby Kaleigh to develop liver damage, a common side-effect.

"Her liver was much sicker than they'd realized," said



Kaleigh Wright-Barton, 9, cheers after scoring in air hockey with her dad Jewell Barton at SickKids Hospital in Toronto on Wednesday. She moved to Toronto from Nova Scotia shortly after she was born to get treated at SickKids and 18 months ago she underwent her second liver transplant. For the first time in three years, she's been cleared to travel and will be going home for Christmas. CARLOS OSORIO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Echo.

Kaleigh received a transplant and what was meant to be a week-long trip to Toronto has turned into nearly a decade.

"It's really hard," said Echo, whose entire family, along with Jewell's, lives in Nova Scotia. "You want the support from your mother and father."

These days, Kaleigh is do-

ing much better. She was discharged from SickKids in early December and has been attending school. Recently, she was given the green light to travel.

Their two-week break will include a Christmas Eve lobster feast prepared by Echo's mother, followed by a big breakfast the next morning, presents and a special party for Kaleigh to make up

for missed birthdays.

"Family is everything," said Echo, a lesson she said has been cemented throughout her daughter's life.

"We came so close to losing her on numerous occasions. ... What's important are the ones you love, and making as many memories as you can with them before it's too late."

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## Ronald MacDonald House

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The family spent 18 months living in the Ronald MacDonald House when Kaleigh was first transferred to Toronto's SickKids. For many Christmas seasons the Echo Wright, Jewell Barton and their daughter Kaleigh considered the hospital staff at SickKids a part of their family.



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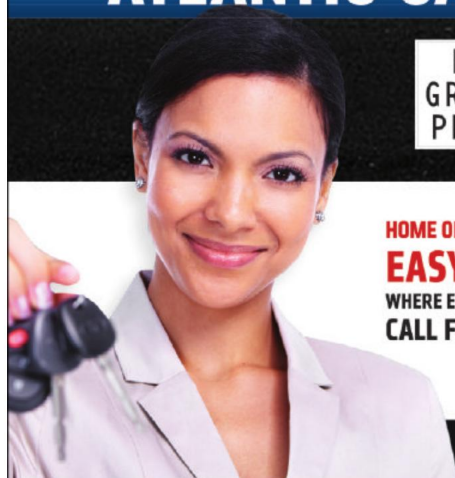
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# Law society defends Trinity Western decision

**Denying accreditation.** School's covenant on sex outside heterosexual marriage violates N.S. Barristers' Society's core values, court told

The Nova Scotia Barristers' Society has the authority to deny accreditation to graduates

from a Christian university in British Columbia that requires students to abstain from sex outside heterosexual marriage, a lawyer for the self-regulating body told a court hearing Thursday.

Marjorie Hickey told the Nova Scotia Supreme Court that the law society has broader powers than just overseeing the qualifications and conduct of its members.

She said the law society

imposed the ban on articling students from a proposed law school at Trinity Western University in Langley, B.C., because its requirement regarding heterosexual marriage represents unlawful discrimination against gays and lesbians.

"What the barristers' society is doing is saying that a law degree ... cannot be from an institution that endorses unlawful discrimination," she told Judge Jamie Campbell.

Earlier this week, a lawyer for the university told the court the law society overstepped its jurisdiction when it decided to ban graduates from the bar admission program unless the school dropped the requirement. Brian Casey said the law society has jurisdiction over its membership in Nova Scotia, nothing more.

The hearing in Nova Scotia is slated to wrap up Friday.

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Lawyers, from left, Ronald MacDonald, Amy Sakalauskas and Elaine Craig wait to make a presentation to the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society executive committee in Halifax on Feb. 12. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

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## Videotaped. Donations for toddler with cancer stolen

It seems unfathomable that someone would steal money from a toddler undergoing cancer treatments.

But that's exactly what happened in Garlands Crossing the afternoon of Dec. 14.

A donation jar collecting money for Gavin Rolfe, a two-year-old battling Stage 4 neuroblastoma, was stolen from D&W Swinimer's Convenience Store.

The store's manager, Jeannie Gay, released video surveillance on Facebook in an attempt to identify the culprit, a middle-aged man, stealing the donation jar.

Gay said it didn't take long for the community to put a name to the face in the video. "Everybody knows him," she said.

It is unknown how much of Gavin's money the man walked off with.

Gay, herself a cancer survivor, said she turned to Face-

### Outrage

"Whether there was \$5 there or \$500 there, it should have gone to the people it was intended for."

Jeannie Gay, manager of the store where the donation jar was stolen

book to let the broader community know this individual is out there.

"I know all too well what cancer does to a family and they did not deserve that. Whether there was \$5 there or \$500 there, it should have gone to the people it was intended for."

The Windsor District RCMP have been contacted regarding the theft, but a member was not available to comment on the status of the investigation.

KINGS COUNTY NEWS

### Police pursuit

## Kings RCMP nab alleged impaired driver

A 28-year-old Lunenburg County man was arrested and faces four charges after he tried to evade police Dec. 17.

A report came in from a drinking establishment in New Minas at 9:20 p.m. on Dec. 17 about a possibly impaired driver.

Kings District RCMP located the vehicle in question, but had to pursue it before the driver stopped.

The driver is charged with dangerous operation of a vehicle, impaired driving, operating a vehicle while being pursued and resisting arrest.

Police are still investigating the incident.

KINGS COUNTY NEWS

### Search and rescue

## Lost hunter found unharmed in Kings County

A 60-year-old hunter who went missing in the Scott's Bay area was unharmed after spending a night in the woods.

The man from the Port Williams area was reported missing late Wednesday afternoon. He had gone rabbit hunting with his dog around 9 a.m. and was unable to find his way back in the dark.

RCMP were in constant communication with the man during the search, and search and rescue teams found him around 2:30 a.m. Thursday.

He was taken to hospital as a precaution.

KINGS COUNTY NEWS



## June 2010. Woman gets 90-day sentence for fatal crash while helping ducks

A widow whose husband and daughter were killed when their motorcycle crashed into a woman's car as she helped ducks on a highway is satisfied with the accused's 90-day prison term.

Besides the detention, Emma Czornobaj must do 240 hours of community service and is prohibited from driving for 10 years.

She will serve the prison sentence on weekends.

After Czornobaj stopped her car in June 2010 to rescue ducklings on the side of the highway, the motorcycle carrying Andre Roy and his teenager daughter Jessie slammed into her vehicle. A jury convicted her of two counts of criminal negligence causing death and two counts of dangerous driving causing death.

Pauline Volikakis, the wife



Emma Czornobaj  
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and mother of the victims, says the family was hoping for a significant sentence and got it.

She told reporters outside the courtroom she's happy the family can turn the page and move on with a positive attitude instead of a negative one.

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## 4,600 on organ wait lists. Just one-third of eligible donors donate: Report

While thousands of Canadians wait for transplants that could alter or save their lives, many potentially willing organ donors are never identified or don't make it through the complex donation process, says a report by the Canadian Institute for Health Information released Thursday.

"We know that each year, more than 500 Canadians who die in hospital donate their organs," said Kathleen Morris, director of health system analysis at CIHI. "What we found, using very conservative estimates, is that only about one-third of people who are clinic-

ally eligible to donate an organ actually become a donor."

The report said there are untapped donors among deceased patients over age 60 and among those with irreversible brain damage who are declared dead after their heart stops — called donation after cardiocirculatory death, or DCD.

CIHI said there are more than 4,600 Canadians on waiting lists for a kidney, liver or other organ transplant, and hundreds on the lists die each year because no suitable donor organ becomes available.

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## Mathemagician M.C. Escher on display at National Gallery

A reporter looks at an artwork by artist M.C. Escher on display at the National Gallery of Canada in Ottawa Thursday, during a media preview of M.C. Escher: the Mathemagician. The show runs from Dec. 20, 2014 to May 3. The pieces pictured are Sky and Water I, left, and Metamorphosis (Bees), right.

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# Feds confirm plans for wireless auction

**Attracting more carriers.** Forthcoming wireless auction will reserve much of new spectrum for carriers other than the Big Three

The federal government confirmed Thursday that a forthcoming wireless auction will reserve more than half of the new spectrum for carriers other than the Big Three.

Industry Minister James Moore released the details for the auction of AWS-3 spectrum, or advanced wireless services, which is scheduled to begin March 3. The final technical document largely mirrored what the government had already foreshadowed during consultations. Most notably, 60 per cent of the available spectrum will be reserved for smaller carriers, while the remaining 40 per cent will be available to all applicants.

Moore lauded Canada's three major carriers for pro-

viding world-class service, but he said consumers need more competition.

"They (Bell, Rogers and Telus) are all some of the best wireless companies that exist anywhere on the globe," Moore said at an event in Vancouver.

The government has been attempting to use its wireless auctions to foster competition, but new entrants have struggled and the three national carriers continue to represent 90 per cent of Canada's wireless customer base.

Moore confirmed the AWS-3

auction will maintain the same opening bid prices that were announced earlier this year. Industry Canada says it would raise \$162.45 million from the auction if it receives just the minimum bid for each parcel of wireless spectrum.

The minister also used Thursday's announcement to reveal several other measures intended to increase capacity, including a contentious plan to allow mobile service on a band currently used by rural wireless Internet service.

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## Magnotta jury ends third day's deliberations with no verdict

Day 3 of jury deliberations at Luka Rocco Magnotta's murder trial came and went Thursday without a verdict.

The jurors will be back for a fourth day on Friday.

Magnotta is charged with first-degree murder and four other charges in the slaying and dismemberment of Chinese engineering student Jun Lin in May 2012.

The eight women and four men began deliberating on Tuesday and have emerged

just once because they wanted to know whether personality disorders are considered a mental disorder under law.

Quebec Superior Court Justice Guy Cournoyer told them Wednesday the answer to their question was yes.

Magnotta, 32, has pleaded not guilty by way of mental disorder and is seeking to be found not criminally responsible. His lawyer says he is schizophrenic and couldn't tell right from wrong at the

time of the slaying.

On the murder charge, the jury has four options: find Magnotta guilty of first-degree murder, second-degree murder or manslaughter, or find him not criminally responsible because of mental disorder.

The judge told the jurors Monday that if they find the accused not criminally responsible, that verdict must be the same for all five charges.

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## **Iraq. CF-18s bomb enemy targets as Kurds launch offensive to break siege**

Canadian warplanes have been in action in Iraq once again, bombing enemy targets ahead of Kurdish Peshmerga forces, who are pushing to completely break the siege in the Sinjar mountains.

The region along the Syrian border was home to many members of the Yazidi minority before extremist fighters swept in last August, killing or abducting hundreds and prompting tens of thousands of refugees to flee.

Col. Dan Constable, the commander of Canada's task force for the Iraq mission, says two CF-18s bombed an enemy position about 100 kilometres northwest of Mosul, Iraq's second-largest city.

The extremists had erected "defensive fighting positions and safe havens, places where they can engage from," Constable said in a teleconference from an undisclosed base in Kuwait. "We were requested to take those fighting positions out."

It is part of a stepped-up



**RCAF CF-18 Hornets.**  
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air campaign by the U.S.-led coalition battling militants from the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. The coalition carried out 61 strike missions from Dec. 15-17.

Since beginning combat operations in late October, the CF-18s have flown a total 130 sorties and carried out nine bombing runs.

The Peshmerga, according to local media reports, launched a two-pronged assault Wednesday and claimed some success with the apparent liberation of three villages. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

# U.S. incentives could alter economics of Ebola vaccine

## Dangling a carrot.

## Pharmaceutical companies now eligible for priority review

Earlier this week, U.S. President Barack Obama signed into law a piece of legislation that may significantly change the economics of making drugs or vaccines to protect against Ebola and other viruses in its deadly family.

And it might at some point provide a windfall for Merck, the company now developing an Ebola vaccine designed at Canada's National Microbiology Laboratory in Winnipeg.

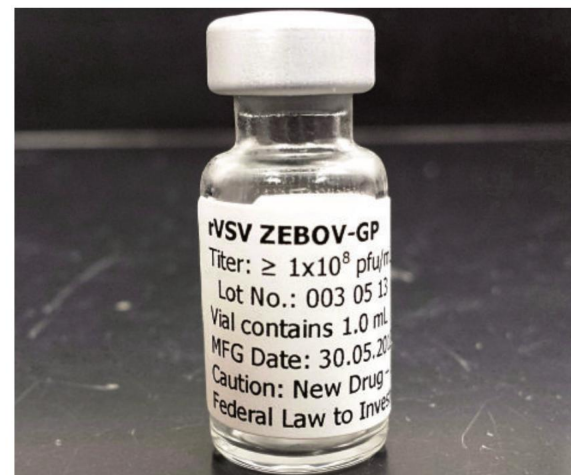
The bill — S.2917, also known as Adding Ebola to the FDA Priority Review Voucher Program Act — dangles a sizable carrot meant to entice pharmaceutical companies to develop vaccines and therapies to prevent or cure infection with the virus and other re-

## Merck

- In late November, Merck bought the licence to develop the Winnipeg Ebola vaccine for \$50 million from NewLink Genetics, which acquired it in 2010 for \$205,000.
- A priority review voucher would likely be worth more than double Merck's outlay, say those watching the program to see if it leads to the advances it is meant to inspire.

lated pathogens in the filovirus family.

Companies that manage to license an Ebola therapeutic in the United States are now eligible for a priority review voucher from the Food and Drug Administration, which is in effect a promise from the agency that it will swiftly process a future drug or vaccine



**A vial of the Canadian-made Ebola vaccine VSV-ZEBOV. Earlier this week, U.S. President Barack Obama signed into law legislation that may change the economics of making drugs to protect against Ebola.** THE CANADIAN PRESS

approval application.

The value of a priority review voucher isn't fixed. If it is sold, the price really depends on what interested buyers are

willing to pay. But last month a Montreal company, Knight Therapeutics, sold a priority review voucher for a cool \$125 million. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Laura Miller, who was former Ontario premier Dalton McGuinty's chief of staff, is seen in an undated Facebook photo with Peter Faist, who police allege was paid \$10,000 in 2013 to erase Ontario government hard drives in the midst of an investigation over the controversial cancellation of an expensive gas-plant project. FACEBOOK.COM

## Liberals paid expert to wipe drives: OPP

**McGuinty era.** Top aide's spouse paid \$10,000 to wipe computer hard drives in McGuinty's office, court documents allege

The Ontario Liberal caucus paid the spouse of a top aide to Dalton McGuinty \$10,000 to wipe computer hard drives in the premier's office, police alleged in court documents released Thursday.

The information used by Ontario Provincial Police to obtain a search warrant that was executed in November at a provincial government cyber security office in Toronto was made public after media lawyers requested it be unsealed.

The warrant is part of an OPP investigation into deleted documents on the Liberals' decision to cancel two gas plants prior to the 2011 election, at a cost to taxpayers of up to \$1.1 billion.

Computer expert Peter Faist was asked by his spouse, Laura Miller, "to wipe off per-

June 2010-March 2014

Documents show Faist's company was paid \$224,000 by the Ontario Liberal Party and the Liberal caucus service bureau between June 2010 and March 2014.

- Search warrants served last month sought the entire email boxes for Livingston and Miller.

sonal data on approximately 20 desktop computers in the premier's office," alleges Det.-Const. Andre Duval in his application for the warrant.

"Faist was under the impression that Cabinet Office was aware of his presence and the work requested of him," wrote Duval. "He was paid an amount of \$10,000 by the Liberal caucus for his work."

Miller was McGuinty's deputy chief of staff under David Livingston, who is being investigated by the OPP for alleged breach of trust. No charges have been laid, and Livingston says he has not done wrong.

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## Tories, NDP consider federal fallout from Alberta's political earthquake

Federal Conservatives say they're gobsmacked over the political tectonic shifts in Alberta this week, but they don't have to reach too far into their own history to see parallels with the political pragmatism that's at play.

Wildrose Party Leader Danielle Smith crossed the floor this week with eight MLAs to

join the majority Progressive Conservative government. Federal members of Parliament — many of whom supported Wildrose — were caught off guard by the move.

Some observers have pointed to Wildrose's disappointing showing in recent byelections as the catalyst for her startling decision.

And so it was in 2003, when a relatively new Canadian Alliance Leader Stephen Harper lost a key byelection to the Progressive Conservatives, who were in fifth place nationally at the time.

Harper spent countless hours campaigning with the candidate to no avail. Harper's spokesman, Jason MacDonald,

suggested Wednesday that Smith's move had the PM's approval. Harper has dissuaded his MPs from campaigning for one Alberta party or another.

NDP MP Linda Duncan said the fact Prentice took in nine MLAs from the right-wing Wildrose party suggests his party is not progressive.

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## Escape. Kurdish forces, battling ISIL, open a key corridor for Yazidis

Iraqi Kurdish forces battling Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) militants managed to open up a key corridor on Thursday so that thousands of people from the country's Yazidi minority who have been trapped on a mountain can flee, said a senior Kurdish official.

The development was an incremental step in the battle to retake the town of Sinjar, at the foothills of the mountain by the same name, which fell to ISIL in early August.

The Kurdish peshmerga troops, backed by U.S.-led coalition airstrikes, launched the operation to retake Sinjar on Wednesday.

Masrur Barzani, chancellor of Kurdistan Region Security Council, said the Kurdish forces advanced in battle, establishing the passageway to the moun-

tain on Thursday. He emphasized that Iraqi forces were in no way part of the operation.

"We asked the Iraqi government to provide the ammunition needed for this operation. Unfortunately they did not send the ammunition and their contribution was nothing, to be quite frank with you," Barzani told The Associated Press in Dohuk, in Iraq's Kurdish region.

Tens of thousands of Yazidis became trapped on the mountain in early August, when the ISIL extremists captured the towns of Sinjar and Zumar, prompting the exodus. Many were eventually airlifted off the mountain or escorted by a passageway through Syria back into Iraq, where they found refuge in the Iraqi Kurdish semi-autonomous region. But thousands remained stuck on the mountain. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Central African Republic. Religious clashes kill 28

Clashes in Central African Republic between Muslim and Christian fighters have killed 28 people, left dozens wounded and sent civilians fleeing for safety, a Red Cross official said Thursday.

The fighting began Tuesday in Mbrès when a member of a Christian militia was killed by a grenade allegedly thrown by a group of Muslims, according to a pastor in the town.

The violence escalated when Christian fighters counter-attacked and members of the country's Muslim rebel alliance arrived from a nearby town to join the melee.

Ahamat Ibrahim Nedjad, a spokesman for the Muslim

fighters, confirmed the clashes, but he said his group was attacked first and fought back.

Gunfire could still be heard on Thursday morning. The town has largely emptied out, with civilians fleeing their homes for the bush and local officials taking shelter in another town, the pastor said. He spoke on condition of anonymity, citing fear for his safety.

The fighting killed 28 and wounded dozens, said the Red Cross official, who also spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the news media. He said 70 homes were burned.

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## Pakistan condemns, mourns loss of children

A Pakistani child attends a protest to condemn Tuesday's Taliban attack on the Army Public School, Thursday in Peshawar, Pakistan. The Taliban massacre that killed more than 140 people, mostly children, at the military-run school in northwestern Pakistan left a scene of heart-wrenching devastation, pools of blood and young lives snuffed out as the nation mourned and mass funerals for the victims got underway.

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# Boko Haram blamed for more kidnapping

**Nigerian village.** 185 taken were young women, children and members of a civilian defence group

officer. Teenager Aji Ibrahim said he was lucky to escape into the bushes.

"No doubt they were Boko Haram members because they were chanting 'Allahu akbar' (God is great) while shooting at people and torching houses," he told The Associated Press.

News of the attack took days to emerge because the militants have destroyed communications towers and people walked for days to avoid areas under extremist control.

Gumburi is 20 kilometres from Chibok, the northeastern town where extremists kidnapped 276 schoolgirls in April. Dozens of the students escaped that attack, but 219 remain missing.

The militants have kidnapped hundreds of people,

but the mass kidnappings of the girls from a boarding school attracted international outrage and condemnation of Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan and his military for their failure to rescue the hostages.

The United States, Britain, France and China were among countries that sent security experts and hostage negotiators to help free the girls.

Washington also flew drones over the area where it believed the schoolgirls were held. None of them has yet been found.

Boko Haram leader Abubakar Shekau initially demanded the release of his fighters who are being held illegally without charges or trial. But Jonathan said he would not negotiate with terrorists.

### Soldiers sentenced

A human rights lawyer says 54 Nigerian soldiers have been sentenced to death because they embarrassed the military by demanding weapons to fight Islamic extremists, and says they were justified in not going on what would have been a suicidal mission.

There were reports that some of the girls had been married to their captors and some carried across borders.

In a recent video, Shekau said the girls were "an old story," implying their release was no longer up for negotiation. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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# Putin warns West it can't rein in Russia

**Hard liner.** Russian President says he'll shore up the ruble and revive the economy within two years

Sternly warning the West it cannot defang the metaphorical Russian bear, a confident-

looking President Vladimir Putin promised Thursday to shore up the plummeting ruble and revive the economy within two years.

While he issued a litany of sharp rebukes against the West, Putin struck a conciliatory note on Ukraine, saying that the rebellious east should remain part of the country, backing a quick

to announce the end of solitary confinement for 16- and 17-year-old inmates, a policy change initiated after the 2-1/2-year federal probe released in August.

But the end of solitary was just one of 73 recommendations made by federal prosecutors to curb violence, improve investigations, strengthen accountability and reduce the use of solitary confinement for inmates who break jail-house rules. Court papers say despite negotiations the parties have been unable to reach agreement.

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## U.S. sues New York City over Rikers Island issues

U.S. federal prosecutors sued New York City on Thursday to speed the pace of reforms at the Rikers Island jail complex and address what a Justice Department investigation found was a “deep-seated culture of violence” toward young inmates.

The move comes a day after Mayor Bill de Blasio visited the 10-jail lockup

## Boston Marathon. Bombing suspect in court

Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev returned to court Thursday for the first time since he was arraigned in July 2013, and he received a shout of encouragement from the mother-in-law of a man who was shot and killed while being questioned by law enforcement after the bombings.

Security was tight at the federal courthouse in Boston for Tsarnaev's final pretrial conference.

Tensions ran high, and one bombing victim had a

testy exchange with protesters outside.

During the brief court hearing, U.S. District Court Judge George O'Toole Jr. made no rulings, saying he would rule in writing on pending motions, including the defense's latest push to move the trial out of Boston.

David Bruck, one of Tsarnaev's lawyers, told the judge that the defence plans to file a motion to delay the trial, which is now scheduled to begin on Jan. 5 with jury selection.

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**Bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev depicted in court.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## New sanctions

President Barack Obama signed legislation Thursday authorizing new sanctions on Russia but said he does not plan to impose the penalties outlined in the measure.

exchange of war prisoners

and praising his Ukrainian counterpart.

The mixture of blistering anti-Western rhetoric and constructive signals appeared to indicate that Putin is eager to negotiate a face-saving solution to the Ukrainian crisis, but has no intention of conceding defeat in his stand-off.

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**President Vladimir Putin in front of the map of Russia.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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## Europe. Obesity can be a disability, EU court rules

The European Court of Justice says obesity can be a disability, a ruling that could have consequences for employers across the continent.

The court ruled Thursday in the case of a Danish child-minder who says he was unfairly fired for being fat.

The court said if obesity hinders "full and effective participation in professional life," it could count as a disability. Discrimination on the grounds of disability is illegal under European Union law.

Karsten Kaltoft worked as a childminder for 15 years for the Municipality of Billund in Denmark, before he was dis-

### Weighty issue

# 159 kg

Karsten Kaltoft who weighed 159 kilograms, says he was fired from his job as a childminder for being obese

missed in 2010.

Kaltoft, who weighed 159 kilograms, says he was fired for being obese, a claim his employer contests.

The court says it was for Danish courts to decide whether Kaltoft's obesity constituted a disability.

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### Hidden cocaine

## Coffee shipment packs an extra kick

A Berlin coffee business found stimulants it didn't expect in a shipment of unroasted coffee from Brazil: 33 kilos of cocaine.

Police in the German capital said Thursday that

employees at the coffee-roasting business found the bag full of the drug when they opened a newly arrived container of coffee, and contacted authorities.

The delivery was shipped from Brazil to the German North Sea port of Bremerhaven on its way to Berlin.

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# 'Ugly' Charlie Brown Christmas tree gets the Peanuts treatment



City councillor Jeff Waltman photographs the city's official Christmas tree last week in Reading, Pa. Waltman fought to save the 50-foot Norway spruce that many compared to the spindly tree in A Charlie Brown Christmas. The city is now embracing the theme. MICHAEL RUBINKAM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Norway spruce.** Once rejected and shamed, tree turns into focus of Christmas' imperfection

The official Christmas tree of Reading, Pa., has brought the city plenty of grief. Good grief.

When the 50-foot Norway spruce went up last month, it drew immediate comparisons to the scraggly sapling in A Charlie Brown Christmas. Its giant bare spots and asymmetrical branches were no one's idea of Christmas tree perfection — especially in Pennsylvania, one of the largest producers of Christmas trees in the United States.

### Message

"Sometimes we have to keep things in perspective, and I think that's the lesson here."

Reading, Pa., Mayor Vaughn Spencer

Some residents and officials called it an embarrassment and demanded it be replaced. Instead, Reading decided to embrace the Charlie Brown theme.

Workers wrapped a blue blanket around its base — a la Linus — and adorned it with a single red ball. The city announced a worldwide photo and essay contest, with winners to receive copies of the book version of the beloved TV special. And on Saturday, the public is invited to give the tree a makeover, just like the Peanuts gang surprised Charlie Brown by turning his puny pine into a trimmed, twinkling tannenbaum.

"Christmas is so commercialized that we tend to forget what Christmases used to be like," said Mayor Vaughn Spencer, channeling good ol' Charlie Brown himself.

City councillor Jeff Waltman said the conifer symbolizes Reading itself: full of potential and ready for transformation.

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## Evidence in Sony 'whodunit' hacking mostly circumstantial

**Response.** While many have pointed the finger at North Korea, the U.S. is still investigating

The detective work blaming North Korea for the Sony hacker break-in appears so far to be largely circumstantial, The Associated Press has learned. The dramatic conclusion of a Korean role is based on subtle clues in the hacking tools left behind and the involvement of at least one computer in Bolivia previously traced to other attacks blamed on the North Koreans.

Experts cautioned that hackers notoriously employ disinformation to throw investigators off their tracks, using borrowed tools, tampering with logs and inserting false references to language or nationality.



Workers remove a poster for *The Interview* from a billboard in Hollywood on Thursday. Sony announced Wednesday it had no choice but to cancel the movie's Christmas release and pull it from theatres due to a credible threat.

MICHAEL THURSTON/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

The hackers are believed to have been conducting surveillance on the network at Sony Pictures Entertainment

Inc. since at least the spring, based on computer forensic evidence and traffic analysis, a person with knowledge of

the investigation said.

If the hackers hadn't made their presence known by making demands and de-

stroying files, they probably would still be inside because there was no indication their presence was about to be detected, the person said. This person, who described the evidence as circumstantial, spoke only on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk openly about the case.

Still, the evidence has been considered conclusive enough that a U.S. official has said that federal investigators have now connected the Sony hacking to North Korea.

In public, White House spokesman Josh Earnest on Thursday declined to blame North Korea, saying he didn't want to get ahead of investigations by the Justice Department and the FBI. Earnest said evidence shows the hacking was carried out by a "sophisticated actor" with "malicious intent."

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### Impact

A breakdown of areas where Sony may suffer damage:

- **Box-office losses.** With a modest budget of about \$40 million US, *The Interview* had been predicted to gross around \$30 million in its opening weekend and could have grossed \$120 million in U.S. and foreign box office revenue. Sony has already spent tens of millions on marketing.
- **Stirred or shaken.** A leaked script of Sony's upcoming James Bond film *Spectre* led to an online frenzy of articles warning readers of "major spoilers." The potential damage from a hit to the blockbuster franchise is big. "How can they proceed if everyone in the audience has already read the script?" said an analyst. "You basically need to start over and see how much you can salvage."

## Online prices volatile

Online shopping has become as volatile as stock market trading. Wild, minute-by-minute price swings on everything from clothes to TVs have made it difficult for holiday shoppers to "buy low."

A growing number of retailers are using software that changes online prices based on demand, competition, inventory and other factors. The main goal is to undercut rivals when necessary, and raise prices when demand is high and there's

### One-hour delivery

Amazon.com launched a service Thursday known as Prime Now that promises one-hour delivery of household products to its Prime customers in Manhattan. One-hour delivery costs \$7.99 US but two-hour delivery is also offered for free.

no competitive pressure.

But the new online tools can change the price on a sin-

gle item — say, a sweater — dozens of times throughout the day. And that can leave shoppers confused about when they can get the best deal.

Take Aishia Senior, who recently watched the price on a coat she wanted rise and fall several times between \$110 and \$139 US in a span of six hours on Amazon.com. She was so frustrated by the price fluctuations that she ended up not buying the coat on the site at all.

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### Chain co-founder

#### Kids can play on field for now: Subway honcho

A co-founder of the Subway sandwich chain says kids in Danbury, Conn., can continue to play soccer on a field he owns until a new athletic field is ready to open. Peter Buck purchased the 13-acre field from the city for about \$3.2 million US in September with plans to build a warehouse for personal items. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Franc

#### Swiss central bank imposes negative interest rates

Switzerland's central bank has imposed negative interest rates on commercial bank deposits, with the aim of preventing the Swiss franc from gaining more strength against other currencies.

The move forces commercial banks to pay to deposit their francs with the Swiss National Bank. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## VOICES

# CUBA WAS OUR PLACE

**THE KOHLER REPORT**  
By Rebecca Kohler

I don't know too much about Cuba or why the U.S. ended diplomatic relations with them in 1961.

I grew up hearing about an "embargo," a missile crisis and something about some pigs on the bay. Delicious? Oh yeah, and that communism thing.

In my adulthood I came to know Cuba as a sunny vacation destination for friends who enjoyed bad food and copious amounts of rum.

The fact that Cuba had poor relations with the States made it seem cooler — like that weird loner in high school who stayed away from the popular crowd but was still hot.

But with the announcement Wednesday that the U.S. will be opening an embassy in Havana, it's only a matter of time before U.S. tourist visas are approved and the

American masses start flooding in.

A happy day for Cuban business people, a sad one for Canadian travellers; Cuba was our place.

If Americans wanted to travel to Cuba, they had to fly through Canada to get there. It was this one thing we had that they needed, aside from poutine: Airports.

Now Cuba's going to be flooded with our loud, southern counterparts.

Large derrieres and fanny packs knocking us to the ground as we, in true Canadian fashion, apologize for being in their way.

As we sit at tables by the ocean, enjoying the familiar scent of universal health care, we'll be startled by the woman at the next table, speaking to the waiter like she has a megaphone implanted in her mouth, "EXCUSE ME. I'll have another mojito! GRACIAS!"

Gone are the days when the only American we saw in Cuba was Ernest Hemingway's ghost as he smoked a Monte Cristo with that man by the sea.

### A farewell to arm-room

**Gone are the days when the only American we saw in Cuba was Ernest Hemingway's ghost as he smoked a Monte Cristo with that man by the sea.**

And what about the old cars? Studebakers, Oldsmobiles, Soviet imports? I don't really care about cars, but I do care about ambience.

Those cars gave a fun trip an educational twist — sure, you were puking up Havana Club, but you were doing it in an automobile museum.

Annoying people and Ford Focuses aside, maybe the saddest part about this important diplomatic shift is how much this is going to cost us.

I have friends who have spent an all-in-

clusive week in Cuba for under \$1,000.

I doubt prices will stay so low, with 300 million potential new customers trampling through the discount-getaway websites.

Supply and demand is a harsh economic bitch. Cuban resort owners are probably dusting out their wallets right now as they learn to prepare a plate of grits.

Look, maybe there's a bright side.

Those new cars? A boon for the environment. Trade relations with the States? The food is bound to improve. Americans at the table beside you? A reason to feel better about yourself.

Let's look at this as two countries hugging after a long, ridiculous disagreement. It's kinda beautiful.

That said, I wonder what North Korea's like this time of the year.

*Rebecca Kohler is a standup comic, writer, actor, gymnast, lawyer and chemist. (Some of this isn't true.) Follow her on Twitter at @becca\_kohler*

## Happy face/Sad face

From kowtowing to hackers to old-school illness, Metro weighs-in on the news that made headlines this week:



### AND BY 'YES', WE MEAN 'NO'

Major bummer for nearly 300 would-be Johns Hopkins students. Turns out the prestigious university in Baltimore accidentally sent congratulatory admissions messages to 294 applicants who had actually been turned down. A contracted employee had pulled the wrong list of emails and set in motion the unfortunate turn of events.



### THE MAGIC OF INCLUSIVITY

J.K. Rowling has no doubt made kids from The Youth Project in Halifax seriously happy after retweeting a poster they made that says, "If Harry Potter taught us anything, it's that no one should live in a closet." The tweet was in response to a fan asking if LGBT students were in attendance at Hogwarts. We think it's pretty safe to say that the answer is "yes".



### HOLLYWOOD VS. THE HACKERS (SPOILER: THE HACKERS WIN)

Sony Pictures cancelled Seth Rogen/James Franco movie The Interview, about two guys who plot to kill North Korea's leader, after hackers break into their system and make 9/11-style terror threats. If we don't have the freedom to watch third-rate political spoofs on Christmas Day, have the terrorists already won?



### ART SCHOOL GOES HEART SCHOOL

A U.K. art student raised more than £21,000 for a homeless man after he offered her his last £3 so she could get home safely. Dominique Harrison-Bentzen set up a donation page asking for £3 a pop to give to a homeless man named Robbie. In exchange, she and others spent 24 hours out on the streets. Makes that nude performance piece challenging the hegemony or whatever seem pretty lame in comparison, huh?



### THE MUMPS

Millions of non-medical professionals diagnosed Nova Scotia native Sidney Crosby with mumps days before the Pittsburgh Penguins' official doctors admitted the star player had the illness. More than a dozen players from five teams have been sidelined with the illness that causes, among other things, unmistakably swollen glands.



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# The must-see films of 2014

**Look-back list.** This year in film was one that offered accidental echoes of real life from charged movies about race like *Dear White People* and *Selma*, to anxieties about the passing of time, reflected in *Boyhood*

**MATT PRIGGE**

Metro World News in New York

Here then are the best, darkest, funniest and, occasionally, just fun movies of the year.

## 10. Edge of Tomorrow

The first two-thirds of this Tom Cruise sci-fi spectacular are so good — hey, it's *Groundhog Day* with aliens, how do you screw that up? — that the so-so third that follows is easy to excuse. More funny/clever than rip-roaring, this — not interchangeable, interlocking Marvel romps — is what should be clogging multiplexes.

## 9. Selma

The world's first studio picture about Martin Luther King Jr. could have been another turgid biopic. Instead, it's a thrilling telling of a small but vital chapter in his life. And its portrayal of protests is more than accidentally topical, as peaceful protests concerning race rage in the streets: It's about the grunt work of activism and the way it requires sly manipulation.

## 8. Two Days, One Night

It's easy to take for granted Belgium's Jean-Pierre and Luc Dardenne (*Kid with a Bike*), who reliably churn out deeply humanist and deeply gripping



The Grand Budapest Hotel placed second on our list of top films of 2014. CONTRIBUTED

social dramas that often play like nail-biting thrillers. Their latest is only slightly better than usual, which is to say it's consistently heartbreaking, with Marion Cotillard rushing like mad on a fool's errand to save her crappy job.

## 7. Inherent Vice

The year's funniest comedy is, of course, an adaptation of the unadaptable Thomas Pynchon. The daunting novelist's impenetrable stoner detective tome becomes more than just another Big Lebowski: Combining Pynchon with Paul Thomas Anderson, it has the weirdest sense of humour since ... well, Anderson's *Punch-Drunk Love*.

## 6. Dear White People

Important without being pompous, necessary but still a blast, Justin Simien's temperature-taking of modern times as reflected through campus life wasn't really about stupid white people so much as about the diversity of black life that never, ever gets shown on screens.

## 1. Under the Skin



Scarlett Johansson took on some dangerous roles in 2014, including a mysterious alien in *Under the Skin*. CONTRIBUTED

Scarlett Johansson was dangerous in 2014. Lucy turned her into the invincible master of the universe. She was merely an alien seductress in this hypnotic mood piece, in which she trolled Glasgow, luring bros to a mysterious, inexplicable kind of death. There's a lot going on here, from its unflattering, detached view of humanity to its playfully empathic view of a psychopath who tries, and fails, to become human. But it's also a study of ScarJo, celebrity icon: someone outside of the rest of us, lusted after yet unobtainable, who ultimately can never be one of us, even if that may be for the best.

## 5. We are the Best!

Amidst all the misery and tragedy of this year, there was always this: a 100 per cent

joyous comedy about self-serious Swedish tween punk rock girls. They banged away at songs about sports and cor-

porations with less finesse than *Animal the Muppet*.

## 4. Listen Up Philip

There were a lot of sociopath movies this year, from *Whiplash* to *Big Eyes*. Jason Schwartzman's young, cartoonishly pompous novelist wasn't even the worst of them, but he was the saddest — an upstart trying to be the kind of literary jerk of a by-gone era and succeeding only at turning into a sour loner who drives away the only girl, potentially, who could put up with him (Elisabeth Moss). The film's final line of narration may make you dive for a stiff drink.

## 3. National Gallery

Frederick Wiseman has been cranking out observational documentaries on institutions — High School, Hospital, Central Park — for half a century. This hang at the London museum is more of the same, only more brilliant than usual — a shape-shifter that over its three leisurely hours turns into a look at cosmic insignificance, with art living longer than those who exhibit and protect it.

## 2. The Grand Budapest Hotel

There's always a deep, dark melancholy bubbling under Wes Anderson films. Here, it's harder to find than usual; this is his zippiest hunk of confectionery yet. But it's also set in a Europe about to be wasted by the Second World War, where violence that seems cartoonish — severed fingers, Looney Tunes-style plummets off cliffs — soon step up and then some. It's so hilarious that its chasmic despair isn't noticeable till a second viewing.

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# Taking a gritty '70s film and making it your own

**Writer interview.** Man behind *The Departed* tries his hand at remaking a 1974 James Caan drama with Mark Wahlberg

**MATT PRIGGE**

Metro World News in New York

William Monahan was an acclaimed writer who became an acclaimed novelist who became an Oscar-winning screenwriter who now also directs. He won for *The Departed*, and that script's brash, pissy, sarcastic tone is all over his script for *The Gambler*, a very loose take on the 1974 drama, about an addict (there, James Caan; here, Mark Wahlberg) out for self-destruction. Monahan has already reunited with Wahlberg for his second directed work, *Mojave*, out next year.

## What's your relationship with the original?

I've never seen it. It came out when I was 13 or something, and it seemed to be about sports gambling, which was not then, or now, my cup of tea. I only work from text if I adapt something. So when I

was commissioned to write it, I was given (James) Toback's script, and I worked from that. I don't even know if it was a shooter or not. Once I took the job I wouldn't watch the original film. If it's good, I don't want to see it. I'd prefer to work off a script, even an incomplete script — which is what I did with the other adaptation I did.

## There are many reasons to not simply repeat the original. What is yours?

I'm hired to do my own thing, not just do another iteration of the original film. One of the truths of writing is that there are only a certain number of stories. It's always the teller, not the tale. So my job is to be as ignorant of the original material as I can be and, for better or worse, infuse it with myself.

## The end is very, very different here.

I don't even know what the end was in the original.

## (Spoiler alert) He goes to a whorehouse and gets slashed in the face.

Something like that, yeah. Very '70s, right? I always love the gutter '70s realism, because it's never really real, and it's



*The Gambler*, starring Mark Wahlberg, opens this Friday. CONTRIBUTED

always done by middle-class people. Basically, it's bulls—. College professor gets slashed in the face in a whorehouse — no wonder I blanked out on the script at that point. The thing about '70s realism is it gets too much, too much press. What happened was the scripts got sloppier, there was more improv and the camera moves

in Doris Day pictures. Apart from that there was a little more lens flare, a little more Technicolor hijinks. But crotch of s—, really.

As the '70s go, the only things that appeal to me are the more formal pictures, like *Apocalypse Now* or the Godfather films. It's like I love Casavetes for what he did. But I know what he did, which is

he and a bunch of his friends sprang a 16mm camera around an apartment while up crappy dialogue. I just don't see where it's much different from Yoko Ono having a fly walk across someone's face. I prefer motion pictures to be a little more put together than that.

## Who are your influences then?

I couldn't begin to tell you. Watching films is like a songwriter listening to the radio. It's like, "Oh that bit works, that bit doesn't." Three quarters of everything doesn't work. And what you want to concentrate on is what does work. Sometimes it can only be one tiny moment in a film, one shot, one line. There's no real consistency in influence.

## Now in theatres

Ratings and synopses courtesy of Rotten Tomatoes. For more movie reviews, trailers and news go to [RottenTomatoes.com](http://RottenTomatoes.com).

Ratings: **Certified Fresh:** 🍅 **Fresh:** 🍅 **Rotten:** 🍌 **Audience response:** 🍌 **Audience anticipation for the film:** +

### Musical



## Annie

Director. Will Gluck

Stars. Jamie Foxx, Quvenzhané Wallis

A Broadway classic that has delighted audiences for generations comes to the big screen with a new, contemporary vision. This modern telling captures the magic of the classic characters. Annie, a young, happy foster kid who's also tough enough to make her way on the streets of New York in 2014. Originally left by her parents as a baby with the promise that they'd be back for her someday, it's been a hard-knock life ever since.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score  
Critics: Audience:

🍌 19% + 86%

### Drama



## Wild

Director. Jean-Marc Vallée

Stars. Reese Witherspoon, Kevin Rankin

With the dissolution of her marriage and the death of her mother, Cheryl Strayed has lost all hope. After years of reckless, destructive behaviour, she makes a rash decision. With absolutely no experience, driven only by sheer determination, Cheryl hikes more than a thousand miles of the Pacific Crest Trail, alone. *Wild* powerfully captures the terrors and pleasures of one young woman forging ahead against all odds.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score  
Critics: Audience:

🍅 88% + 95%

### Action/Comedy



## Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb

Director. Shawn Levy

Stars. Ben Stiller, Robin Williams

Get ready for the wildest and most adventure-filled *Night At the Museum* ever as Larry (Ben Stiller) spans the globe, uniting favourite and new characters while embarking on an epic quest to save the magic before it is gone forever.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score  
Critics: Audience:

🍌 53% + 97%

### Mystery/Drama



## The Gambler

Director. Rupert Wyatt

Stars. Mark Wahlberg

Jim Bennett (Mark Wahlberg) is a risk taker. Both an English professor and a high-stakes gambler, Bennett bets it all when he borrows from a gangster (Michael Kenneth Williams) and offers his own life as collateral. Always one step ahead, Bennett pits his creditor against the operator of a gambling ring (Alvin Ing) and leaves his dysfunctional relationship with his wealthy mother.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score  
Critics: Audience:

🍌 62% + 94%

### Drama



## Rosewater

Director. Jon Stewart

Stars. Gael García Bernal, Kim Bodnia

*Rosewater* is based on The New York Times best-selling memoir *Then They Came for Me: A Family's Story of Love, Captivity, and Survival*, written by Maziar Bahari. The film marks the directorial debut of The Daily Show host Jon Stewart, and stars Gael García Bernal. *Rosewater* follows the Tehran-born Bahari, a broadcast journalist with Canadian citizenship.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score  
Critics: Audience:

🍌 73% + 91%

### Drama



## Exodus: Gods and Kings

Director. Ridley Scott

Stars. Christian Bale, Ben Kingsley

From acclaimed director Ridley Scott (*Gladiator*, *Prometheus*) comes the epic adventure *Exodus: Gods and Kings*, the story of one man's daring courage to take on the might of an empire. Using state-of-the-art visual effects and 3D immersion, Scott brings new life to the story of the defiant leader Moses (Christian Bale).

Rotten Tomatoes™ score  
Critics: Audience:

🍌 45% + 96%





Mackenzie Mauzy plays Rapunzel and Billy Magnussen is the prince in *Into the Woods*. CONTRIBUTED

# Meryl's men in tights and 30 feet of hair

## Into the Woods.

Big-screen adaptation of Broadway musical posed many challenges for the actors playing Rapunzel and her prince

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I learned a great deal during my interview with Mackenzie Mauzy and Billy Magnussen. The Manhattan-based performers brought me up to speed on the rite of passage for all New York actors, Rapunzel's hair and whether or not Meryl Streep likes men in blue tights.

The pair play Rapunzel and Rapunzel's Prince in the big-screen adaptation of the legendary Broadway musical *Into the Woods*.

The two relative newcomers — she's best known as Abigail on *Forever* while he made a memorable appearance on *Boardwalk Empire* and will

soon be seen in an upcoming Steven Spielberg spy thriller — help bring fairy tales to life as part of a large ensemble that includes Johnny Depp, Emily Blunt and Meryl Streep.

Which leads me to the first thing I learned during our chat.

"Meryl's a beast," says Magnussen. "She's the one who got me the job. I was in a play and she saw it and recommended me to (director) Rob (Marshall) and (producer) Mark Platt. The play was Vonya and Sonia and Marsha and Spike, and I dress up as a prince because we're going to a costume party. It's all about the blue tights."

"Meryl likes the blue tights," laughs Mauzy.

Next, I discovered the wig Mauzy wears in the film put her at a follicular risk.

"They used my hair and braided it into the extensions," she says. "It was 30 feet long, so I wrapped it around my arm. I had a little fake one for rehearsal but I asked to actually wear (the real hair) one day so I could figure out how to be mobile. It's a tripping hazard! We joke about how I had a really strong left bicep

## Just call him Steve

Apparently it's OK to call Stephen Sondheim — the legendary composer and eight-time Tony Award winner — Steve. "Everyone calls him Steve!" laughs Mackenzie Mauzy, who worked with him on the big-screen version of *Into the Woods*. "He likes to be called Steve! It is weird. Steve Sondheim."

for a couple of months."

Then, Magnussen enlightened me on a rite of passage for New York actors: "Once you get on *Law and Order*, you're really an actor."

Both have done time in the *L&O* trenches.

Mauzy played a child killer named Carly Di Gravia. "It's weird I remember that name," she says.

"It was one of my first jobs," Magnussen says.

"They bleached my hair white and I was a Southern male prostitute. How do you tell your mom? Hey watch this!"

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### National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation

This is a classic Christmas comedy if there ever was one. As Chevy Chase prepares to have his extended family over for the holidays, a variety of (hilarious) disasters ensue. This film is filled with a ton of classic gags. If you're feeling nostalgic for a time when physical, family-oriented comedy thrived, be sure to check this out!



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## Movies to watch for the holidays



### Scrooged

Bill Murray is probably the last person most people would associate with Ebenezer Scrooge. And that's why this movie works so well. A modern, comedic take on the famous holiday tale A Christmas Carol, this movie features a Scrooge we can care about, sympathize with, and even laugh with. Check it out!



### A Charlie Brown Christmas

Let's just face it: When the holidays come around, you can't really ever go wrong with Charlie Brown. Whether you're looking for something for the whole family, revisiting your childhood, or adamantly insisting that "Charlie Brown is totally for adults, too!" (hey, more power to you, man), this is a great option!



### 12 Dates of Christmas

The holidays are the time to indulge: on copious amounts of food; on gift splurges for your loved ones (or, hey, even yourself, no judgement); and on cheesy rom-coms that you dutifully roll your eyes at during the rest of the year. Take in the spirit of the season and check out this adorable romantic comedy, which tells the story of an unfortunate girl who is forced to go on the same horrible date 12 times.



### Christmas in Paradise

After a tough year, two different families embark on a cruise to San Juan for Christmas, hoping to escape their troubles and enjoy the holiday. Their paths entwine during the vacation, and the members of each family become instrumental in each other's journeys. If you're in the mood for a sentimental, uplifting Christmas film, look no further than this (absolutely free!) option.

# To portray a painter, you must learn to paint

## Mr. Turner Q&A.

Timothy Spall is proud of the artistic skills he developed while preparing to play famed British painter J.M.W. Turner

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You don't get very far into a conversation with British character actor Timothy Spall without him slipping off on an eyebrow-raising tangent. For instance, we're sitting in a room at the InterContinental Hotel, a name that brings to mind an

anecdote.

"InterContinental ... I worked in one once. It was the worst place — in the kitchen, in the pastry room," Spall recalls. "I spent all day washing pastry tins in boiling hot water without any soap. My hands — it was like I was wearing rubber gloves, they were so fat and pink. And the chef said, 'Oh by the way, there's some rubber gloves over there.' 'You F—tard!'" He lets out a hearty laugh before adding, "I didn't go back. I joined the theatre."

Another random personal detail he slips in later is that he owns — and extensively uses — an interesting boat.

"It's a bit of a funny old boat. It's a flat-bottom, sea-going barge. And I've been going on the North Sea in it a few times,"

he says. "I did this mad thing in this boat. We left the Thames, and I was going to go to France and go through the canals. But my wife and I said, 'No, bulldocks, let's discover our own country.' So I turned right and we circumnavigated the entire British Isles. On and off, it took four years because I had to go off and make the money to pay for the mooring and the fuel."

Speaking of money, aside from being a former dishwasher and amateur explorer, Spall is first and foremost an actor. And his latest work involves embodying the complicated life of famed British painter J.M.W. Turner in Mike Leigh's Mr. Turner, something he ended up doing much more preparation for than he was expecting.

"We'd first talked about it

seven years ago. Then, in 2010, Mike had me into his office and told me his next film would be about Turner and asked if I was still up for it. I said, 'Yeah, yeah, of course I am!' He said, 'And also, if you don't mind, I'd like you to start learning how to paint now,'" Spall remembers.

That led to some very extensive fine art lessons.

"There's about 300 different images that we made and about 24 paintings. I eventually ended up doing a full-scale copy of Snow Storm: Steam-Boat off a Harbour's Mouth. I don't quite believe it. I've got it on my wall, I look at it and go, 'I didn't do that.' I even had it framed in the same kind of frame that's in the National Gallery. You know, it's not Turner, but it is great."



Timothy Spall plays J.M.W. Turner in Mr. Turner. CONTRIBUTED



# Shakespeare classics anywhere, anytime

**Digital.** Productions recorded live at the historic Globe Theatre can be downloaded to your computer or smartphone

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If you thought movie downloading in the virtual age might pose a threat to the future of Shakespeare's historic Globe Theatre, you'd be wrong.

"People appreciate a live experience all the more," insists Domenic Dromgoole, art director at London's iconic theatre. "So our audiences are very steady and very regular, largely because they love that feeling of aliveness."

In fact, the works of the Elizabethan-era playwright have been so popular, the theatre has partnered with Landmark Cinemas in Canada to premiere Globe On-Screen — a series of live productions filmed from The Bard's iconic stage.

Although the experience may not be as authentic as sitting on the hard wooden pews, the cinematic replication has its rewards.

"We try our best to recreate the feeling of being in the theatre," explained Dromgoole.

"You hear the audience laughing, you see the audi-

## Quoted

**"He tells the truth. He reminds us that we're still alive. He thrills us with stories that grip us very tightly."**

Globe art director Domenic Dromgoole, on why Shakespeare still resonates

ence within the frame and I think the fact we're recording an event rather than trying to make a film gives it a freshness."

The Globe has also created its own video-on-demand service to bring Shakespeare classics to the masses through the Internet or smartphones. Go to [shakespearesglobe.com](http://shakespearesglobe.com) and click on Globe Player, where you can rent the video for \$7.25 or buy it for \$14.50.

"We like spreading our work as far and wide as possible," said Dromgoole. "I find it thrilling that you can be up a mountain in the Himalayas and, if you had a mobile, you could download and watch Hamlet — I find that delightful in a bizarre way."

The Globe on-screen series continues until April, with a new play screening each month in Canadian theatres and available on-demand.

From the upcoming productions of *The Taming of the Shrew* (Dec. 20) or *The Tempest* (Jan. 10), Dromgoole insists they're all equally as thrilling.

"The great thing about Shakespeare is that you celebrate difference rather than good, better or best," he said. "They're great plays but they're all distinct and delightful for different reasons."



The Globe's production of *Taming of the Shrew* will be available Dec. 20. CONTRIBUTED

## Fashioned for making spirits bright.

The boots that sparkle as much as her.  
The Children's Place

The early gift I couldn't wait to wear.  
Talbots

The coat that can stand up to playtime.  
Hudson's Bay

## Playtime

The Bard is coming! Here are some highlights of the Globe's onscreen productions.

- **The Taming of the Shrew.** A romantic comedy about a fortune-seeker's taming of his headstrong mistress.
- **A Midsummer Night's Dream.** Three plots interconnect in this soap opera-like love farce that's set largely in a forest inhabited by fairies.
- **The Tempest.** The tale of a sorcerer who conjures up a storm to lure his traitorous brother to the island where he's exiled.

- **Macbeth.** The tragic classic follows a soldier wracked by guilt and paranoia after murdering the king to obtain the throne of Scotland.
- **Much Ado About Nothing.** Contrasts the happiness of lovers Claudio and Hero, and the cynicism of sparing partners Beatrice and Benedick, who are united in their scorn for love.
- **Henry V.** The romantic story of Henry's campaign to recapture the English possessions in France.
- **In theatres.** For a listing of dates and theatres, go to [meigroup.ca/shakespeare](http://meigroup.ca/shakespeare).

## HOLIDAY HOURS

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Cameron Diaz ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

## Joel not sure Benji and Diaz are a match Madden in heaven

Cameron Diaz and heavily tattooed Good Charlotte twin Benji Madden have been dating since May, but apparently that's long enough to know he's a keeper because a source tells the National Enquirer that Diaz and Madden are "planning their wedding for early in the new year. They've been telling close friends in recent weeks about their plans, but it's very hush-hush." Well, I mean, it was very hush-hush until now. Way to go, anonymous source.

Not everyone is thrilled, though, chief among them Benji's twin brother, Joel, who "actually likes Cameron a lot and thinks they're a good match, but he doesn't want Benji to rush into something so quickly."

Which is fair. I mean, has she even been around them long enough to conclusively tell them apart? Twins are hard, man. Also, I feel like there's a whole vault of quotes from Diaz about marriage and family that could be dug up for this.

Like 2012, when she told Esquire marriage "just wasn't the thing I was drawn to." Or how about two months ago, when she told Marie Clare, "I'm not looking for a husband or marriage or not looking for that stuff. I'm living, not thinking what I should or shouldn't be doing with my life." What a difference Thanksgiving makes.



Michaela Watkins

## Funny or Die sweetens the podcast with Serial send-up

Did the finale of Serial not give you the satisfaction you were looking for? Funny or Die has you covered. The humour site taps into the obsession built up around the This American Life podcast and its highly anticipated conclusion.

Michaela Watkins plays Serial host Sarah Koenig as she dodges eager fans and scrambles to come up with a satisfying resolution before finally snapping:

"What do you want? I do a podcast! It was sup-

posed to be for four people. Do you think if I thought this was going to be anything I would have MailChimp sponsor us?" she rants. "What do you want to know? Do you want to know who did it? Fine. It was me! I did it!" Well, I don't think anyone saw that coming.

## Rock says Tinseltown is terrified after Sony hack

The whole Sony hacking scandal has the entertainment industry on edge, at least according to Chris Rock.

"This whole thing is just scary. It's emails, it's your private stuff. And the whole town is scared. Nobody knows what to do," Rock said during a Q&A with David Carr.

It's worth noting that Scott Rudin — who has come under fire because of leaked emails between him and Amy Pascal about Angelina Jolie and President Obama — is a producer on Top Five, Rock's new film.

"Read my emails," Rock says, responding to whether he himself is worried. "I say offensive things for a living."



Chris Rock

## Squee! Neil's video of his kids is adorable

Stars. They're just like us. In that they have iPhones and find their children ridiculously adorable. Neil Patrick Harris, for example, posted a video on Instagram of his four-year-old twins,

Gideon and Harper, singing Jingle Bells while decorating their Christmas tree. So if you're into that sort of thing, go watch



Neil Patrick Harris

the children of someone you don't actually know being all cute and festive.

## Elgort is so freaking hetero — honest!



Ansel Elgort

Fault in our Stars star Ansel Elgort is apparently worried you might have heard some rumours about him or maybe made some assumptions of your own about his sexuality. But just for the record, he's totally not gay. The 20-year-old took to Twitter to announce, "Just in case it isn't clear ... I like girls. A lot." I'm sure the tweet was meant to come off as endearing, but that "a lot" at the end just makes him seem a bit ...

desperate. But he did at least follow up with a nice message about acceptance, insisting that "If I was gay, I wouldn't hide it."

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### Turkey Cutlets with Parsnip Purée and Honeyed Cranberries.

This holiday dinner will impress the pickiest of eaters



**RICARDO COOKS**  
Chef Ricardo  
Ricardo Magazine

Surprise! The in-laws are coming over for dinner tonight!

Step 1: Do not panic. Step 2: Whip up this show-stopping recipe. Despite the fact that it looks, and tastes, like you've been at it all day, it comes together in about an hour.

#### Parsnip Purée

1. In a saucepan, soften the onion in half the butter. Add parsnips and milk and bring to a boil. Simmer, uncovered, about 20 minutes or until the parsnips are tender. Drain. In a food processor, purée until

smooth with remaining butter. Season with salt and pepper. Keep warm.

#### Honeyed Cranberries

1. In a skillet, caramelize honey for 1 minute. Add cranberries and coat well. Continue cooking until cranberries begin to burst. Set aside.

#### Turkey

1. In skillet, brown the turkey cutlets on each side in half the butter until the meat is cooked. Season with salt and pepper. Set aside on a warm plate.

2. In same skillet, soften shallot in the remaining butter. Sprinkle with the flour and cook, stirring, until golden brown. Add the broth and sherry and bring to a boil, stirring with a whisk. Reduce by half. Season with salt and pepper. Serve with the parsnip purée, honeyed cranberries and a green vegetable. **FOLLOW RICARDO ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND ON RICARDOCUISINE.COM OR SUBSCRIBE TO HIS MAGAZINE'S ENGLISH EDITION, WHICH LAUNCHED THIS SEPTEMBER!**

#### Ingredients

##### Parsnip Purée

- 1 onion, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup (57 g) butter
- 1 lb (454 g) parsnips, peeled and sliced
- 1 1/2 cups (375 ml) milk

##### Honeyed Cranberries

- 1/4 cup (60 ml) honey

- 1 cup fresh or frozen cranberries

##### Turkey

- 1 1/2 lb (675 g) turkey cutlets
- 1 shallot, chopped
- 2 tbsp (18 g) all-purpose flour
- 2 cups (500 ml) beef broth
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) sherry

#### Liquid Assets

### Complement a busy meal



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Short of using their juice to make a cosmopolitan cocktail, I've never had much love for cranberries.

While cranberry sauce may be a festive season staple, my palate finds its tart, tangy flavour unsettlingly dominant when it shares my holiday plate.

Typically a side dish, Ricardo's recipe this week is piled high with honeyed cranberry goodness, which makes it a perfect partner for a medium-bodied white wine like a Riesling.

As good as that sounds, I still prefer the big bird hitting my table covered in gravy and accompanied by an overabundance of veggies and a heaping helping of mushroom-laden dressing.

I reach for a Pinot Noir when it comes to a wine pairing for such a busy meal. A white wine lover's red, a good Pinot works with both the savoury and sweeter elements of any Christmas dinner.

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- 3 Selena Gomez The Heart Wants What it Wants
- 2 Taylor Swift Blank Space
- 1 Nick Jonas Jealous



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# Christmas morning table



For many, the holidays can be a time for starting new traditions. And if there's one tradition style gurus Steven and Chris never miss out on, it's Christmas morning brunch! Who doesn't love waking up Christmas morning to discover an exciting dining table decked with holiday cheer? Here are some tips from the guys on how to set a table that'll get everyone talking. Steven and Chris airs Monday to Friday at 2 p.m. EST on CBC Television.

TEXT BY MICHAEL PIHACH. PHOTOS BY ALEXIS GLINERT.

## Santa's been here!

Need proof that Santa's sleigh swooped by? Simply use a large boot as a stencil and sprinkle powdered sugar or fake snow around it so that it creates a footprint. Lead some prints directly from the front door or fireplace directly to your morning table. Watch: your Kids will freak!



## Holiday robes for everyone

There's nothing better than spending Christmas morning lounging around in a warm robe. Buy a holiday robe for all the members of your family and attach to their chairs at the table. Add everybody's names to a tag as an indicator as to who sits where. Consider it everybody's "first gift of the day," plus it'll start the day off on a cozy note!

## Who wants to be a millionaire?

Place a lottery scratch ticket along with a mini liqueur and chocolates into a tiny box and place one at each person's seat. Decorate the box with ribbon and top it off with a party cracker. Everyone can scratch their tickets and talk about what they'd do if they won a million dollars. (Hey, it could happen!)



## Unleash your inner cookie monster

Holidays are a time to indulge for both kids and grown-ups. Give your table a sweet focal point by making a cookie tree forest centerpiece. Buy store-bought cookie dough (or make your own) and mold a set of cookies into mini Christmas trees. Insert popsicle sticks into the base of the tree and then bake. Paint the baked cookies with green icing; let dry. Get a trough or container and insert a foam block wrapped in a sheet of moss or fake snow. Stick the tree cookies into the foam and presto! You'll have a cookie forest that'll last all day.



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## Design. For tipsy guests, try spill-proof wine glasses

Red wine stains are the perpetual fear of any homeowner, so it's just as well that Superduperstudio has come up with a new glass design that makes it practically impossible to spill your vino.

The Saturn Glass is a stemless glass that rests on an indent when placed on a flat surface, meaning the wine is held in a bowl-shaped vessel

at the bottom of the receptacle. The design has been optimized to prevent messy spills and stains as much as possible.

Fabricated using traditional Italian glass-blowing techniques, each vessel is made using molten glass shaped by hand before be-

ing blown into a mould, and then annealed overnight, cut, and hand polished.

Two sizes are available — for red and white wine — and the glasses are stackable.

Saturn Glasses are the brainchild of San Francisco-based startup Superduperstudio. Launched following four years of research and development, the finished range is a re-

mix of Italian and Scandinavian glass-making traditions.

Saturn Glasses can be purchased on back order for \$52 each on superduperstudio.net. **AFP**



**Saturn spill-proof wine glasses.**  
SUPERDUPERSTUDIO

## Appliances. Smarter way to stay warm this winter

### Smart appliances

Tech accessory maker Belkin and Jarden Consumer Solutions have joined forces to create an air purifier and room heaters that can be controlled and programmed remotely via a smartphone or tablet.

Belkin's WeMo platform is a very simple and very effective way of linking a growing number of devices and appliances to the internet via Wi-Fi and endowing them with app-based controls.

Of the latest editions to the platform, the Holmes Smart Air Purifier with WeMo works like any other HEPA air purifier — it can ionize air and reduce odours. However, with the help of a smartphone, users can program when it comes on and when it shuts down, creating daily and weekly schedules and altering things such as the fan and ionizer settings. The air purifier will also push notifications to the app about filter life and prompt a user

The Holmes Smart Air Purifier, is priced at \$199.99 US and the 1000-watt heater is \$149.99 US.

- The WeMo app, which also works with all existing WeMo-enabled devices and appliances, is free to download for Android and iOS devices from Google Play and the App Store, respectively.

when it needs to be changed.

Likewise the Holmes Smart Heaters — 1000-watt and 1500-watt — enabled with WeMo, can be programmed with weekly or daily schedules and be turned off or back on again remotely via the app, anywhere in the world, as long as the user's smartphone or tablet has an Internet connection. **AFP**

## Calvin Klein succulent florals

Calvin Klein installed a pop-up floral shop inside their Madison Avenue flagship with artist Lauren Messelian, where the public can browse and buy her conceptual floristry. The pieces Messelian's made for Calvin Klein Collection are described as "portable living sculptures, uniting art and design" and they feature succulent greens and stones captured in angular glass. The curated floristry will be available through Dec. 24.

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# Clayton punches his professional time card

**Boxing.** Dartmouth fighter dreams of bringing home world title; competes in his first bout Friday following a successful amateur career



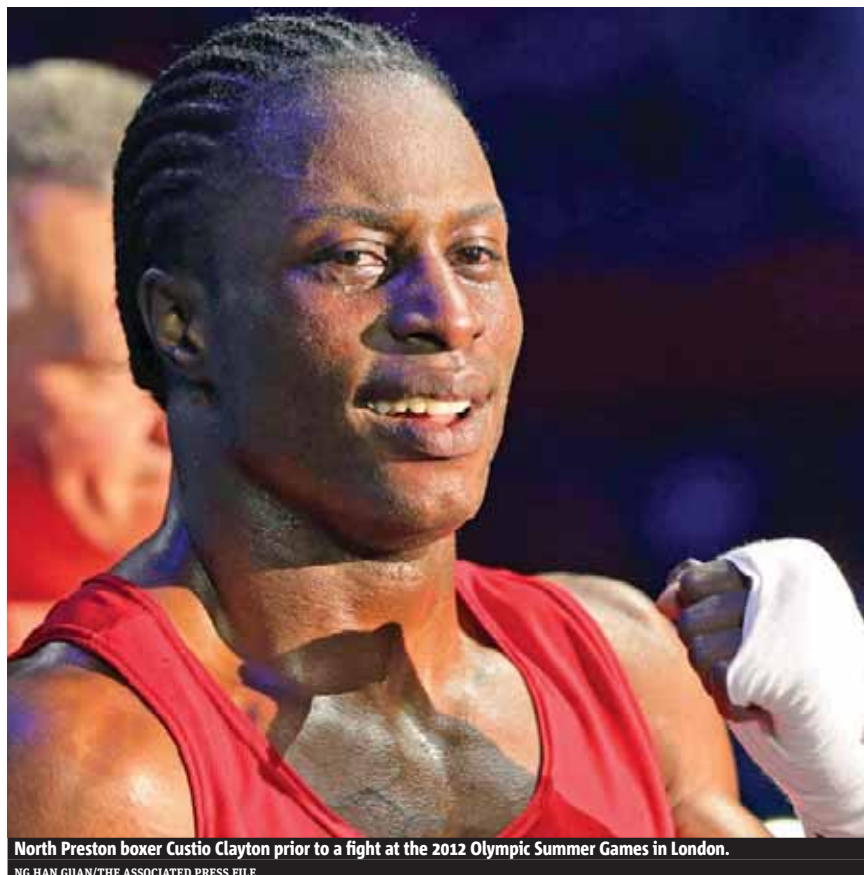
**KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE**  
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Custio Clayton hopes “to one day bring a world title home.”

But the Dartmouth boxing sensation said Thursday he’s taking the road to that dream “one step at a time, just like I always did.”

Clayton, 27, takes a huge step forward Friday, when he enters the ring for his first-ever professional fight. It’s a four-round bout against French boxer Sophyan Haoud in the light middleweight division, as part of a WBC World Light Heavyweight Championship card taking place at the Colisée Pepsi in Quebec City.

“I feel great,” he said of starting the next chapter of his boxing career, which as an amateur included making it to the quarter-finals at the 2012 Olympic Summer Games in London; claiming third place at the 2013 Pan-American Championship in Santiago, Chile; and most recently, a strong showing



North Preston boxer Custio Clayton prior to a fight at the 2012 Olympic Summer Games in London.  
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at the 2014 Commonwealth Games where he reached the quarter-finals in Glasgow, Scotland.

Clayton, also a six-time

amateur national champion, has signed on with promoter Group Yvon Michel, on a three-year deal that reportedly aims to fast-track him

toward the top 10 in world rankings within just 18 months.

“To me, it’s just going to be another fight,” he said of

## Early rounds

Clayton’s second pro bout will likely be on a Jan. 31 fight card in Gatineau, Que. Under Quebec commission rules, his first four bouts can be no longer than six rounds and his first one has to be a four-rounder.

joining Friday’s event headlined by Haitian-born Canadian Adonis Stevenson’s defence of his World Boxing Council light heavyweight title against Russian Dmitry Sukhotsky.

“Even though it’s my first pro fight, I’m trying not to have any pressure on me,” Clayton said, but added “I’m not going to take (anyone) lightly.”

“I’m going to go out there and do what I know what I can do.”

That includes staying relaxed, working his jab and “owning the ring,” while giving fans in the stands a good fight to watch.

Clayton is now living in and training out of Montreal, but his fans back home have always been important to the Nova Scotia-proud athlete.

“I’m always going to represent my hometown (and) Nova Scotia,” he said.

“It being my first fight, and as my career goes on, I hope they still follow me and believe in me.”

# McDonald, Isles keep Mooseheads in check

Mason McDonald manned the crease with rock solid confidence against his hometown team Thursday night.

The 18-year-old netminder made 29 saves to lead his Charlottetown Islanders to a huge 8-2 win over the Halifax Mooseheads, in front of 1,748 fans at the Eastlink Centre.

McDonald, the first goalie selected in the 2014 NHL Entry Draft, is himself from Halifax.

“It still feels great to beat Halifax — it always does,” McDonald said by phone shortly after the game. “Especially after the playoffs last year.”

Halifax swept Charlottetown in four games during

## Quoted

“We just ran out of gas.”

Mooseheads head coach Dominique Ducharme

the first round of the 2014 QMJHL post-season.

Currently, the two teams are within one point of each other, with Halifax in third and Charlottetown in fourth place of the Maritimes Division.

“It was a great team effort,” McDonald said.

Filip Rydstrom had two goals and three helpers, Oliver Cooper added four points, Daniel Sprong scored twice,

while Brad Kennedy, Alexandre Goulet and Ross Johnston also scored for Charlottetown.

The Islanders carried a 6-0 lead into the third, when Danny Moynihan was able to get the Moose on the score-sheet with the man-advantage. Brett Crossley scored Halifax’s only other goal, also on the power play.

Halifax goaltender Kevin Resop made 31 saves, but was replaced in the third by call-up Cristofer Langlais, who turned away 12 pucks.

The Moose host a rematch against the Islanders on New Year’s Eve at the Scotiabank Centre. **KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE/METRO**



Mooseheads goalie Kevin Resop watches as Islanders right-winger Ross Johnston circles in front of the net on Thursday night in Charlottetown.  
JASON MALLOY/CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN





Hurricanes goalie Cam Ward and Brett Bellemore defend against the Maple Leafs' David Booth on Thursday in Raleigh, N.C. GERRY BROOME/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Leafs' win streak cut off by the Hurricanes

**NHL.** Carolina's offensive outburst hands Toronto its first loss in seven games

Justin Faulk had a goal and an assist, and the Eastern Conference-worst Carolina Hurricanes broke a six-game losing streak with a 4-1 win over the previously surging Toronto Maple Leafs on Thursday night. The Hurricanes (9-19-3), who entered with the NHL's worst record, had scored only one goal in each game of their

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skid. Their offensive outburst snapped the Maple Leafs' six-game winning streak.

Chris Terry, Andrej Sekera, and Elias Lindholm also scored for Carolina. Nathan Gerbe and Eric Staal both had two assists. The Hurricanes are 19-7-1

against the Maple Leafs in the last 27 meetings.

Dion Phaneuf scored for Toronto.

The Hurricanes played a few hours after trading defenceman Jay Harrison to Winnipeg for a 2015 sixth-round draft pick.

Cam Ward had 25 saves for Carolina. Toronto's Jonathan Bernier stopped 33 shots.

The Hurricanes dominated the first period and led 2-0 at the break after taking a 17-9 shots advantage.

Terry got Carolina on the board at 11:54, taking Staal's pass that went from the left

boards into the crease and putting it past Bernier.

Carolina doubled the lead on a short-handed rush at 13:43 when Faulk took Patrick Dwyer's cross-ice pass in the right circle and banged it by Bernier's glove.

Phaneuf made it 2-1 at 16:55 of the second, firing a shot just under the crossbar from the left point.

But Sekera sent a drive over Bernier's left shoulder during a power play at 11:05 of the third for his first goal of the season.

Lindholm scored into an empty net with 1:24 left.

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## Post-injury. Vonn hints at ditching slalom for good

Lindsey Vonn's days of competing in all five ski disciplines may be behind her, since the four-time overall World Cup champion is seriously considering giving up slalom in her comeback from a career-threatening knee injury.

The 30-year-old American racer thinks she is still somewhat off the pace in speed events, despite clinching her first victory in nearly two years in a downhill at Lake Louise on Dec. 7.

The 2010 Olympic downhill champion thinks ditching slalom may help her cause to become the No. 1 speed racer again.

"I definitely plan on doing (giant slalom), but I want to focus on the speed races right now," Vonn said on Thursday ahead of a downhill and



Lindsey Vonn in Val d'Isere, France, Thursday. GETTY IMAGES

super-G in the French resort of Val d'Isere. "I don't know if I'll do slalom again. It's difficult starting in the back. But we'll see. I haven't skied slalom since my injuries, so I don't know how it feels yet."

Vonn's previous World Cup victory was in GS on Jan. 26, 2013, in Maribor, Slovenia, and she has raced only seven races since. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## FIFA. Blatter, execs meet over Garcia's resignation

Amid another crisis at FIFA, president Sepp Blatter and his executive committee opened a two-day meeting Thursday to discuss the sudden resignation of ethics prosecutor Michael Garcia and whether to publish his confidential World Cup report.

Garcia quit Wednesday in protest over the handling of his World Cup bid investigation. The American lawyer's departure could increase pressure on FIFA to publish the 430-page report on the 2010 votes that awarded the World Cup to Russia in 2018 and Qatar in 2022.

The 27 members of the executive committee are split over releasing all or part of Garcia's report, which has led

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Michael Garcia upon resigning from his role as FIFA's ethics prosecutor Wednesday

to three of them facing unethical conduct charges.

Garcia's resignation statement on Wednesday was critical of FIFA's slow, tentative steps toward greater accountability, much ballyhooed by Blatter since his unopposed reelection in 2011.

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### NBA

#### Celtics trade Rondo to Mavs

The Boston Celtics traded point guard Rajon Rondo to Dallas on Thursday night, cutting ties with the last remnant of their last NBA championship while giving Dirk Nowitzki and the Mavericks a chance at another title.

The Celtics will send Rondo and forward Dwight Powell to Dallas for Jameer Nelson, Jae Crowder, Brandon Wright and two draft picks.

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### NBA

#### Butler leads Rose-less Bulls to win

Jimmy Butler scored a career-high 35 points and the Chicago Bulls beat the New York Knicks 103-97 Thursday night in a game that was missing all-stars Derrick Rose and Carmelo Anthony.

Playing without Rose, who sat with an illness, the Bulls got a strong game from Butler. He was 11 of 21 with four three-pointers, five rebounds, seven assists and four steals. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

### NHL

#### Habs lose game, Pacioretty vs. Ducks

Matt Beleskey scored the winner in the third period to lead the visiting Anaheim Ducks to a 2-1 victory over Montreal on Thursday, on a night where the Canadiens lost their top scorer Max Pacioretty to injury.

Pacioretty left the game four minutes into the third period after taking a late hit into the boards by Anaheim's Clayton Stoner.

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### ♈ Aries

**March 21 - April 20**

In trying to find a solution to one problem, don't create several more. If you are not certain you know what you are doing, wait until Monday's new moon gives you a pointer.

### ♉ Taurus

**April 21 - May 21**

You will help those who need it today but there is a danger that you will rescue someone who will expect you to help them every time they get in trouble.

### ♊ Gemini

**May 22 - June 21**

You will be torn between conflicting duties today and whichever one you choose to prioritize someone is not going to like it. Forget everyone else and put your own needs first.

### ♋ Cancer

**June 22 - July 23**

You will be impulsive today and if you make it through to the weekend without emotional drama you will be very lucky.

### ♌ Leo

**July 24 - Aug. 23**

Someone in a position of authority will demand that you do things you don't want to do. Go along with what they want but start making plans to put some distance between you.

### ♍ Virgo

**Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**

Someone will get on your nerves today and if you make it through to the weekend without losing your cool you will have done very well. They don't really mean to irk you.

### ♎ Libra

**Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**

If you go after your target too directly or too forcefully today you may find it eludes you. You've got to bide your time and wait for the right moment.

### ♏ Scorpio

**Oct. 24 - Nov. 22**

A loved one will demand you spend more time with them today. This is one of those occasions when if you're nice to them now they will be even nicer to you later.

### ♐ Sagittarius

**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**

Friends may not be as supportive as you would like them to be but don't let that stop you from pursuing your goals. You don't need anyone to endorse your ambition.

### ♑ Capricorn

**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**

You may think that certain people have got it in for you but more likely it's your imagination. According to the planets you have nothing at all to fear.

### ♒ Aquarius

**Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**

If someone you have feelings for spends more time with others than with you today, don't get uptight. Maybe they are trying to make you jealous.

### ♓ Pisces

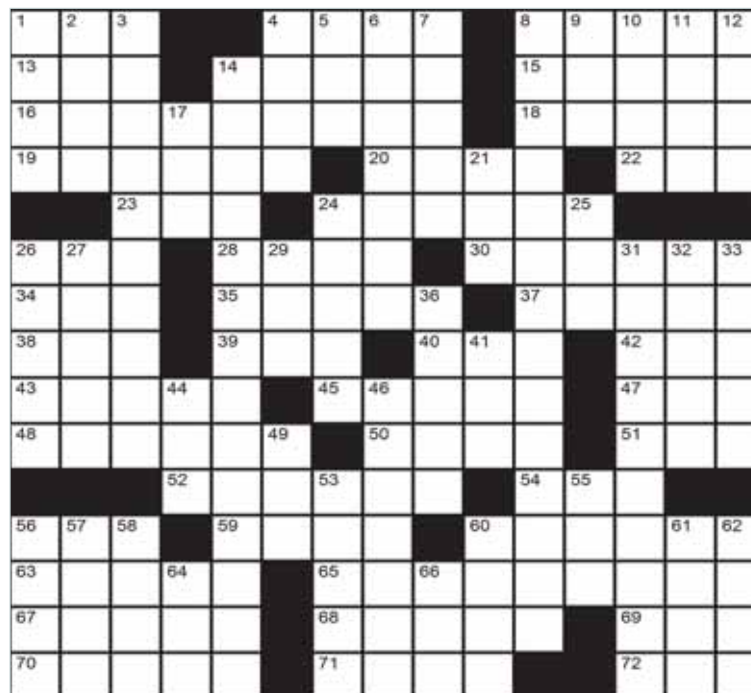
**Feb. 20 - March 20**

You can use your power to force someone to do your bidding today, or you can use your charm to persuade them to cooperate. The latter will be less problematic.

## Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

### Across

1. Clever
4. Dogs: "Gimme yer..." offerings
8. Become energized: 2 wds.
13. UK toilet
14. Everly Brothers: "Wake Up Little \_\_\_"
15. Employee's request
16. Yukon/Alaska river; or, Quilly creature
18. CC-138 Twin \_\_\_ (RCAP search and rescue aircraft)
19. Half-a-cardigan garments
20. R's followers
22. Sleeve
23. Tchaikovsky's 1892 ballet at #31-Down is based on the 1816 tale of this German author, \_\_\_ Hoffmann (b.1776 - d.1822)
24. A-bomb's 'A'
26. "\_\_\_ voyage!"
28. James \_\_\_ (Co-writer of Broadway musical Hair)
30. Pineapple: French
34. Approx.
35. Led Zeppelin's Robert
37. Brutal
48. Illinois city, briefly
39. Dr. Melissa \_\_\_ (Medical Expert on CBC's "Steven and Chris")
40. Parisian pal



42. Literary monogram
43. Canadian actor Mr. Reeves
45. \_\_\_ diving
47. Crime fighter
48. Rita Hayworth's 1953 title biblical role
50. German-built car
51. \_\_\_ card (Grades-list)
52. Blazing

54. Renaissance painter, \_\_\_ Angelico
56. Hawaiian fish
59. NBA's 'A', briefly
60. Pants
63. Hawaiian island
65. Slick-spilling ship: 2 wds.
67. Awakened
68. E-Mail: Multiple-people-sending
69. Toronto summer

- hrs.
  70. Tale
  71. Idol alum Ms. Clarkson, et al.
  72. Cape Town's home [acronym]
- Down**
1. The \_\_\_ (Famous mountains)
  2. Winnie-the-What?
  3. Relentless, as rain
  4. Bitty Beagles

5. "\_\_\_ recall..."
6. Sir \_\_\_ Churchill Square, in downtown Edmonton
7. Tend: 2 wds.
8. Quebec's is known as the 'Fleur-de-lis': 2 wds.
9. Feed
10. Pocket bread
11. Conniver
12. Curls-from-a-box

14. Character in #31-Down: 3 wds.
17. Snip
21. Ethan's ex
24. Singer/songwriter Bryan born in Kingston, ON
25. Driver's need
26. Posh Spice's soccer star hubby David ...his nickname
27. "Romeo and Juliet" (1968) actor Milo
29. Pub serving
31. As per #23-Across... The \_\_\_ (It's currently being performed by The National Ballet of Canada)
32. Ancient fables guy
33. Snoozed
36. Neutral tone
41. British honour [acronym]
44. Cacharel perfume
46. Decorative moulding
49. Chicago trains
53. "Put \_\_\_ in it!"
55. Sprinted
56. Regrettably
57. Have, archaically
58. Get \_\_\_ shape (New Year's resolution)
60. Picking-up-passengers places, puny-ly
61. Canvas sneakers brand
62. Mlle. cousin
64. Broadcast
66. Small, shortly

## Yesterday's Crossword



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28	29	30	31	1	2	3

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